

Senate Bill 406

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S RETRAINING PROGRAM.**

To allow qualified drivers' schools to offer the motor vehicle operator's retraining program.

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My name is Cici Petri and I am in support of Senate Bill 406. I am actually quite pleased to see it come up on the Connecticut General Assembly website dealing with the Operator Retraining Program or known to most of us in the industry as the ORP. The ORP, a four hour classroom session, is a must by the State for drivers with too many moving violations. This program is designed to help curb drivers of their aggressive tendencies.

I am addressing you as a person who, along with some other colleagues, had met with you previously, concerning the Operator Retraining Program. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your warm welcome and courteous manner you afforded us in listening to our concerns. This bill is of great importance to us, because it allows all the Connecticut State licensed driving schools the opportunity to do the job that we are best suited to perform. We had a similar meeting with the Commissioner years back and with the Motor Vehicle Department in Waterbury stating the same request.

There is a part in the bill that states the Commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with Chapter 54 to implement the provisions for the bill. The current process for this program is quite involved, i.e., it's confusing, expensive, has a bidding component and intimidating conditions. To make driving schools eligible by using the old process would still put us where we were before, not able to meet the requirements to teach the program. We are hoping that these present requirements will all go away and we will have new regulations in place which we would like to be a part of that will better suit the support of this new bill.

One of our other concerns is, as driving school operators, we would like to come under the sole governorship of the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles, as we are now.

We are quite satisfied the introduction of the bill will now favor all schools, exclude none, and level the playing field for everyone. The proposed bill, if enacted, would bring a goal long hoped for to fruition.

Thank you for your time,

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